



## Gladys A. Oven

December 1, 1926 - May 27, 2008

Gladys A. Oven, age 81, a resident of Swanville, MN passed away Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at St. Gabriel's Hospital in Little Falls. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, May 30, 2008 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Swanville, with Father Ronald Dockendorf officiating. Burial will be in St. John's Parish Cemetery in Swanville. A visitation will be held from 4 to 8 PM on Thursday, May 29th at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Swanville and from 10 to 11 AM on Friday at the church. A parish prayer service will be held at 7 PM Thursday evening at the church.

Gladys A. Oven was born on December 1, 1926 in Nashwauk, Minnesota to the late Mary (Czeck) & Joseph Gladke. Gladys attended school in Nashwauk and graduated from Nashwauk High School in 1945. She then attended the St. Cloud Teachers College and graduated in 1947. Gladys taught 2nd grade at Swanville Elementary School for three years. She met Joseph Oven in Swanville where he was the High School Principal. They were married on August 13, 1949 at St. Cecilias Catholic Church in Nashwauk, MN. Gladys has lived in Swanville her entire married life and up to her death. She was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Christian Women, Parish Council, Eucharistic Minister, St. Gabriel's Hospital Auxiliary, American Legion Auxiliary and the Women's Civic Club. Gladys did volunteer work at the Swanville Elementary School in the 1st grade and at St. Gabriel's Hospital in Little Falls in the hospitality department. Gladys is survived by her sons, Thomas J. Oven & wife, Paula of Browerville, MN and Richard L. Oven of Las

Vegas, NV; Daughters, Teresa R. Vanselow of Rochester, MN, Louise A. Oven of Brandon, SD and Mary Jo Dahling & husband, Loren of Rochester, MN; sister, Dorothy Minerich of Eagan, MN; 9 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews and friends. Gladys is preceded in death by her husband, Joseph L. Oven on March 4, 1985; parents; brother, Joseph; sister, Eleanor Siegmund; brother, Joseph; and son-in-law, Gary J. Vanselow. Pallbearers will be Allen Cornell, Rodney Mueller, Lowell Drager, Tom DeFrance, Earl Koester, Tom Swisher, Gerald Thoma and Con Natvig.

Arrangements are with the Shelley-Gibson Funeral Chapel in Swanville, MN  
(320)632-5242

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **29**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. John's Catholic Church - Swanville  
12 First Street  
Swanville, MN

## Visitation

MAY **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John's Catholic Church - Swanville  
12 First Street  
Swanville, MN

## Service

MAY **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Gladys A. Oven

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ Mary Jo, Teresa and Family,  
Our hearts go out to you at this sad time. You have so many wonderful memories of your Mom and I've always believed that a Mother's love never dies. Gladys's love has shaped you and made you who you are today and it will continue to do so. God Bless Gladys and all of you.  
Much love,  
Bert, Mike, Ty and Colin###imported-begin###Bert Sloan###imported-end##

May 29, 2008 at 10:30 PM



“ Mary Jo and family - I just wanted to express my sympathy to you. I'm sure you will miss her very much.###imported-begin###Debbie Balzum###imported-end##

May 29, 2008 at 03:03 PM



“ Mary Jo - sorry to hear about the loss of your mom. I know you had alot of great trips with her so you will have lots of GREAT memories to help in this difficult time.###imported-begin###Roseann Melby###imported-end##

May 29, 2008 at 02:56 PM



“ My sincere sympathy to your family. Auntie Gladys was one of my favorite aunts when we were growing up. I loved the sound of her voice and the way she would actually talk to children, not down to them. She was lovely, sweet and I will remember her that way always.

Marge##imported-begin##Marge Kramar Harrington##imported-end##

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May 29, 2008 at 09:43 AM



“ Dear Tommy, Teresa, Fizzy, Louise, and Jo-Jo, How can I tell you how I Feel? My heart goes out to you all. Your mom was a great women and missed by all that knew her; and all of Swanville. She will be missed by all. I will keep you all in my prayers at this very difficult time. God Bless you and may he comfort you, too. Much Love and many prayers, Helen Czech-Walsh##imported-begin##Helen Czech-Walsh##imported-end##

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May 29, 2008 at 12:23 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time... May you always cherish the time you had with your mom while on this earth.. God Bless..##imported-begin##Stacy Maciej##imported-end##

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May 28, 2008 at 10:49 PM



“ my thoughts and my prayers go out to you all. Auntie Gladys will be missed.##imported-begin##"BEE" Kramar##imported-end##

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May 28, 2008 at 08:48 PM



“ Mary Jo and family - I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. I know how close you all were. May all those wonderful memories prevail when sadness comes upon you. May your mother now be your good luck angel when you visit Las Vegas! You are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Channon Rasmussen##imported-end##

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May 28, 2008 at 04:17 PM



“ We'll all miss Auntie Gladys so much, but I can see her slowly dancing with your Dad right now.

*I'll always remember the good times and holidays our families shared, from driving to Browerville and Swanville in blizzards to celebrating Easter mornings together.*

*Your Mom was an amazing woman who was always so generous. We could never leave her home empty handed. And her memoray always amazed me. She always knew dates and exactly how old someone was or when they moved to town, and she never forgot a birthday. She loved sending out and receiving cards...because she could always hold a card in her hands.*

*Our loss is heaven's gain.##imported-begin##Al and Peggy Nohner##imported-end##*

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May 28, 2008 at 03:30 PM



“ Dear Cousin's:  
Our deepest sympathy is extended to you during this difficult time!  
Remember all the good family times you shared, remember the smiles and hugs she gave, remember she is heaven enjoying God's love first hand. These memories will help but not ease your pain...only time will help with that. Your mother was a wonderful Aunt, and Godmother to me I have so many fond memories of our times in Swanville that I will cherish the rest of my life.  
Love & prayers,  
Ann & Jim###imported-begin##Ann & Jim Kasel###imported-end##

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May 28, 2008 at 02:50 PM



“ We love you Gladys. One could not ask for a better mother, grandmother, or mother-in-law. You have enriched the lives of all that you have touched, and you have touched so many.###imported-begin##Loren###imported-end##

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May 28, 2008 at 10:58 AM



“ The suddenness of your mother's passing is truly difficult on the loved ones left. Our family is dealing at present with four aging parents and it is also difficult seeing them struggle with health issues on a day-to-day basis - not being able to care for them at home. We are sustained by the grace of God & His provisions and rest in knowing God is in control of all our lives. We all have wonderful memories of our parents to help now with the sorrow we feel in the loss of good health or life. May you feel the peace and comfort that only God can give in this most difficult time.###imported-begin##Kathy Hooley###imported-end##

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May 28, 2008 at 09:35 AM



“ I couldn't have been more blessed with such a wonderful mother - I will miss her so much, but her love, strength and wisdom she gave continuously will be with me forever.##imported-begin##Mary Jo Oven Dahling##imported-end##

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May 28, 2008 at 01:41 AM



“ Mary Jo and family, I was so sorry to hear about your loss. You're in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. My heart goes out to you in your time of grief and healing. Take care and try to remember the good times you had with her.##imported-begin##Chris Anderson##imported-end##

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May 27, 2008 at 11:03 PM